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SUBJECT: PRAVDA ON ISRAELI ELECTIONS

1. FIRST SOVIET PRESS COMMENTARY ON RESULTS OF ISRAELI ELECTION APPEARS IN PRAVDA MAY 20. ANALYSIS BY YURIY GLUKHOV IS PREDICTABLY NEGATIVE AND ATTEMPTS TO SHOW THAT LABOR PARTY'S "FIASCO" CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF ITS FAILURES IN ITS DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES AS WELL AS BECAUSE OF "FINANCIAL MACHINATIONS AND POLITICAL SCANDALS" OF ITS LEADERS. RESULTS, ACCORDING TO GLUKHOV, DEMONSTRATE ANTI-GOVERNMENT SENTIMENT MOTIVATED VOTERS AND THAT LIKUD AND OTHER NATIONALIST PARTIES OF RIGHT SUCCEEDED IN WINNING OVER ELECTORS THROUGH "PROPAGANDA

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AND DEMAGOGY" WHICH TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS SENTIMENT.

2. GLUKHOV REASONS, HOWEVER, THAT LIKUD AND OTHER NATIONALIST PARTIES CANNOT ANSWER QUESTIONS WHICH "CONCERN" RANK AND FILE ISRAELIS EVEN THOUGH HE RECOGNIZES "GROWING RIGHT-WING TENDENCIES IN ISRAEL'S POLITICAL LIFE." HE NOTES LIKUD IS "MORE

RIGID" THAN OUTGOING GOVERNMENT ON ME SETTLEMENT AND HAS "OPENLY EXPANSIONIST PLATFORM," AND FINALLY ATTRIBUTES LIKUD'S VICTORY TO UNLIMITED SUPPORT BY "IMPERIALISM" FOR ISRAELI ME POLICY AND FOR PROVISION OF ISRAEL WITH "MODERN ARMAMENTS AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE."

3. COMMENT: THIS FIRST ANALYSIS TRIES TO SHOW HOW ELECTORATE MANAGED TO VOTE AGAINST LABOR AND YET MOVE TO RIGHT, INSTEAD OF LEFT. TO DO THIS IT INVOKES COMBINATION OF "PROPAGANDA AND DEMAGOGY" BY VICTORS AND "IMPERIALISM" WHICH SET STAGE BY UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR PAST ISRAELI POLICIES. NEVERTHELESS, AUTHOR IS UNWILLING TO MAKE THIS AN ALL-OUT ATTACK ON LIKUD AND IMPERIALISTS. THUS, IN A SENSE THIS ANALYSIS IS INTERIM WHILE SOVIETS LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT ISRAELI POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND NEW GOVERNMENT POLICIES. ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT LIKE WHAT THEY FIRST SEE, THEY MAY BE WAITING BEFORE DECIDING ON MORE STRIDENT ARTICLES. SOVIET CAUTION MAY BE FURTHER REINFORCED BY THE DESIRE TO AVOID COMMENTARY PREJUDICIAL TO OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT VANCE-GROMYKO TALKS ON THE ME. MATLOCK

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